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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FAHMY ON MURPHY'S CONSULTATIONS

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1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY YESTERDAY IN ALEXANDRIA, I GAVE HIM THE REFERENCE MESSAGE ON MURPHY'S CONSULTATIONS. AFTER READING IT, HE EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT. IT CONTAINED NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE AS TO EXACTLY WHAT KHADDAM HAD SAID. WHILE GOE CAN HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE DESIRE THAT SYRIA MAINTAIN ITS ABILITY TO PURSUE AN INDEPENDENT NATIONALIST POLICY, THE SYRIANS MUST WITHDRAW FROM LEBANON. THEY ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LEBANESE MESS. SO LONG AS THEY REMAIN IN LEBANON, AND ACT TO ELIMINATE THE PLO AND THE LEBANESE NATIONALIST LEADERSHIP, GOE WILL CONTINUE OPPOSE SYRIAN ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON.

2. HE WAS GLAD WE HAD MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS OR OFFERS TO THE SYRIANS AND AGAIN SCOFFED AT SYRIAN CLAIMS OF SOVIET PRESSURE. AT THE VERY TIME THE SYRIANS ARE CLAIMING SUCH SOVIET PRESSURE, HE SNORTED, SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS ARE STILL COMING INTO LATAKIA.

3. FAHMY AGAIN SAID HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY WE DO NOT INSISTE THAT MURPHY SEE ASAD INSTEAD OF RELYING

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UPON HUSSEIN OR KHADDAM. BOTH HUSSEIN AND KHADDAM ARE

UNRELIABLE AND HAVE THEIR OWN AXES TO GRIND.
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